

## The American President – Word List

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- **abolish** = to away with, get rid of
- **abroad** = another country in another continent
- **additional** = extra
- **advisor** = someone who knows a lot about something and tells the president what they think is right
- **agree** = to have the same opinion
- **appoint** = choose somebody for a job or official position
- **arrest** = to capture someone and put them into prison
- **assassinate** = to murder an important or famous person
- **attack** = to use weapons to fight against someone in a war
- **attend** = go to
- **attention** = notice, interest
- **ballot** = piece of paper or card on which you vote
- **based on** = depending on
- **battle** = fight in a war
- **bill** = 1) a plan for a new law which is discussed in Congress
- **bill** = 2) banknote
- **bullet** = a small piece of metal that comes out of a gun
- **campaign** = movement to get a person elected as president
- **candidate** = person who wants to become president
- **career** = here: life
- **Civil War** = the war that was fought between 1861 and 1865 in which the southern states formed their own country
- **closely protected** = carefully guarded
- **colonist** = someone who starts living in a new colony
- **commander** = a person who is the boss of soldiers or sailors
- **concentrate on** = focus on
- **Congress** = group of people elected to make laws in the USA . It consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate
- **constitution** = set of laws which a country is ruled by
- **contest** = election
- **convince** = to talk someone into doing something
- **court** = a place where it is decided if something is against the law or not
- **crew** = all the people who work on a plane or a ship
- **crippled** = when a person's body is hurt so that they cannot walk or move well
- **crisis** = a time when there are a lot of problems in a country
- **crop** = a plant that farmers grow and sell as food
- **damage** = destroy, hurt
- **decade** = ten years
- **declare** = to say officially
- **declare war** = to officially say that you are at war
- **defeat** = to win against
- **defense** = everything that a country uses to protect itself from being attacked
- **depression** = a time when there are not many jobs and people cannot buy things because they don't have the money
- **District of Columbia** = the area of the American capital Washington
- **divide** = split into parts
- **dynamic** = full of energy and new ideas
- **elect, election** = to choose somebody by voting for them
- **elector** = member of the Electoral College
- **Electoral College** = a group of people chosen by the votes of the people in each US state, who come together to elect the president
- **electoral votes** = votes that each state has in the Electoral College
- **environment** = the world around us
- **equal rights** = to have the same rights as white people
- **even though** = while
- **executive branch** = a part of government that makes sure that people follow the law
- **explore** = to go somewhere for the first time and find out about something
- **FDR** = short for Franklin D. Roosevelt
- **founding fathers** = the early settlers who created the American colonies and wrote the Constitution
- **good chance** = it is very possible
- **government** = the people who rule a country
- **health** = the physical condition of a person
- **hold office** = to be president
- **honor** = to give someone a medal
- **in favour of** = to be for something
- **in office** = when a person is president

- **independence** = freedom, liberty
- **influence** = power , control
- **inhabitants** = people living in a state or country
- **involve** = to be a part of
- **journey** = to travel from one place to another
- **judge** = the person who is in control of a court
- **judicial branch** = the system of courts in a country
- **landowner** = someone who owns or has land
- **law** = the system of rules in a country
- **lawyer** = a person who defends people in court or gives them advice about the law
- **legislative branch** = the part of government that makes the laws
- **lose interest** = not interested anymore
- **majority** = more than half
- **make sure** = to check and see if something has been done
- **missile** = rocket
- **opinion** = what people believe or think
- **plantation** = a large farm
- **plough** = to turn over the earth so that you can plant crops
- **polio** = a serious illness of the nerves; you cannot move many parts of your body
- **politician** = someone who works in politics
- **politics** = about the government and the affairs of the country
- **polls** = here: the place where you go to vote
- **popular** = liked by many people
- **population** = all the people who live in a country
- **portrait** = a person's face
- **presidency** = the time during which a person is President
- **punch** = push a hole through
- **receive** = get
- **recount** = count again
- **relationship** = here : how to deal with other countries
- **relax** = rest
- **remove** = to replace him or her with someone else
- **representative** = member
- **rescue** = to save somebody from a dangerous situation
- **retreat** = a place where you can go to, where it is quiet and safe
- **rush** = to move very quickly
- **select** = choose
- **serve** = to be president
- **settler** = someone who lives in a place where not many people have lived before
- **several** = a few, a number of
- **sign** = to put your name on a document
- **slave** = someone who is owned by another person and works for them for no money
- **slavery** = the system of having slaves in a country
- **soldier** = person who fights for their country in a war
- **Soviet Union** = the largest communist country, that existed between 1917 and 1991
- **speech** = to talk to a group of people about many things
- **stamp** = a small piece of paper that you buy and put on a letter
- **successful** = to be good at what you do
- **suffer** = to be in a bad situation
- **Supreme Court** = highest court of the country
- **surveyor** = a person who measures land
- **take an oath** = a very serious promise
- **tax** = the money you pay to your government; it is used to pay for the country's needs
- **term** = the time during which a person is President
- **threaten** = warn someone that you will do something
- **tobacco** = dry leaves that are smoked in cigarettes
- **troops** = soldiers
- **unusual** = different from what is normal
- **vote** = show which person or party you want by marking a piece of paper
- **War of Independence** = the war in which the people in the British colonies of America became independent
- **weapon** = something you use to fight or attack someone, like a gun or knife
- **wheelchair** = a chair with wheels that is used by a person who cannot walk
- **wilderness** = a place where nobody has lived before